The First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai was abolished in 1097. The jurisdiction of the Kottayam First Class Magistrate was then extended to that taluk. There were innumerable criminal cases of the Shertallai taluk on the file of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Kottayam. As the journey through the Vembanad lake involved serious risks, Government should consider the desirability of opening a First Class Magistrate's court at Shertallai.

The member finally requested the Dewan to visit the Shertallai taluk.

DEWAN S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Panikkar, താലൂക്കുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഞാൻ ഇന്നലെ ഒരു മെമ്പർക്ക് മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു. ചിലതാലൂക്കുകളെല്ലാം ഞാൻ കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ചില താലൂക്കുകൾ ഞാൻ കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. എല്ലാതാലൂക്കുകളിലും ചെന്ന ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ ദിവസം താമസിച്ച് അവിടെയുള്ള സ്ഥിതിഗതികൾ അറിയണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം. പക്ഷെ ഇന്നലെ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഏതു സമയത്താണ് ഞാൻ വരുന്നതെന്നു പറയാൻ തരമില്ല. ഞാൻ മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ ചേർത്തല താലൂക്കിലുംവരാം.

നിങ്ങളുടെ നിവേദനങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് നിങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പു സംസാരിച്ച മെമ്പർക്കു നൽകിയ മറുപടിതന്നെയാണ് പറയാനുള്ളത്.

[I have already replied to a member yesterday in regard to the question of visiting the taluks. I have seen some of the taluks but not all. It is my idea to stay in each taluk for one or two days and study local conditions. But I cannot say exactly when I am going to visit each taluk. When I tour in the other taluks, I shall visit the Shertallai taluk as well.

The reply given to the representation made by the previous member applies to your representation also.]

115. Needs of the Vaikom Municipality.

MR. AIYAPPAN MADHAVAN (*Municipal Council, Vaikom*) said that the town of Vaikom was situated in a low region adjoining the Vembanad lake. There were stagnant sheets of water lying in and around the town, which found no outlet to the lake. It was detrimental to the public health of the town. The remedy lay in the proper maintenance of the old canals which had long been neglected. One of those canals was the Perinchila *todu* lying to the south-west of the town. The Kaniyan *todu* lying between the Perinchila *padam* and the Vembanad lake was another. That canal was not uniformly wide and deep.

As a result of the representations made in previous sessions of the Assembly, Government sanctioned the repair of the two canals mentioned above. The Public Works Department took the work in hand and dropped it almost immediately. The work should be resumed forthwith.

There were two other canals which stood in need of repair and proper maintenance. The canal in the fields lying adjacent to the Jetty road and extending from *Puthen todu* on the south to *todu* on the north, was covered up with sand and mud. It should be repaired and connected with *Puthen todu* on the south and the *todu* on the north. The *Antakara todu* which lay between the above canal and *Puthen todu* was also covered up with sand. It should be deepened.

To the west of the Munsiff's Court at Vaikom there was a low region which always lay under water. The area should be connected by a canal with the *Puthen todu*.

The *Perinchila todu* and *todu* to the north stood in need of slight repairs. Should the repairs be attended to, the canals would become thoroughly fit for traffic. All the canals at Vaikom should be improved and maintained properly.

At Vaikom, the Municipality had control over the minor roads alone. The major roads of the town and their maintenance grants should be transferred to the control of the Municipality.

Permission should be given to the Municipality to levy tolls on vehicles.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Madhavan, with regard to the first point in your representation, my information from the Chief Engineer is that some work has been done and you may rest assured that the remaining portion will also be done very soon.

As regards your second point, that is a matter which requires investigation and I shall refer it to the Chief Engineer.

As regards to your third point, the width of the *todu* has been very much reduced by encroachments. That work also will be done as early as possible.

As regards your fourth point, I took it to mean that new canals should be opened in Vaikam. But from what you said now, I understand that all that you want is that the existing canals should be improved and made useful for transport. With regard to this, I shall get the Chief Engineer's report.

Then as regards your points 5 and 6, as I said yesterday, that is a general question concerning all the Municipalities of the State and it requires consideration to arrive at some uniformity before final orders are passed.

116. Needs of the Vaikam taluk.

MR. C. V. AIPORAH (*Vaikam taluk*) said that Government had completely ignored the existence of the Vaikom taluk in the matter of road construction, while in other parts of the country there was an intricate network of roads of all kinds, ranging from the well-metalled and, on the whole, well-kept main roads to the miry tracks which led from one village to another. The subjects on which the member wished to speak were urged at previous sessions of the Assembly; but the promises then made by Government were soon forgotten.